



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Open Spaces Commission

Monday, October 24th, 2016
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Council Chambers, City Hall
211 W. Aspen Ave.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

A quorum of the Flagstaff City Council may be in attendance of the Open Spaces Commission meeting.



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CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Bryan Burton, Chair
Carrie Eberly, Vice-Chair
Rick Miller
Jim Burton
Steve Dorsett
Stephen Hirst (Absent)
Libby Kalinowski

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Public Participation

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item which is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commission members may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

Jack Welch thanked the Commission for the Thank You Letter that he received from the Commissioners. The Open Space Commission thanked Mr. Welch for his volunteer work at Picture Canyon.

3. Approval of September 26th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jim Burton motion to approve the September 26th, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor to approve the minutes.

4. Approval of October 14th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commission Vice-Chair Eberly motioned to approve the October 14th, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Kalinowski seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor to approve the minutes.

5. Discussion Items

A. Matrix City-Owned Parcels in Foxglenn Park Area, Betsy Emery

The Commission discussed how parcel **106-11-042** provides a buffer, protects scenic values, protects economic values, provides recreation, connectivity, and open space value. Commissioner Miller moved to recommend the parcel **106-11-042** as having open space value. Commissioner Kalinowski seconded to approve the motion. All Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

The Commission discussed how parcel **106-08-001C** provides a buffer, protects scenic values, protects economic values, has potential for a community garden, provides recreation, connectivity, and open space value. Commissioner Kalinowski moved to recommend the parcel **106-08-001C** as having open space value. Commissioner Miller seconded to approve the motion. All Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

The Commission discussed how parcel **106-08-020** provides a buffer, protects scenic values, protects economic values, provides recreation with a future FUTS trail, connectivity, and open space value. Commission Chair Bryan Burton moved to recommend the parcel **106-08-020** as having open space value. Commissioner Miller seconded to approve the motion. All Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

B. Discuss Remaining City-Owned Parcels, Betsy Emery

The Commission skipped parcel **110-03-001B** since they have previously reviewed it.

The Commission requested further information on parcels **101-01-003F** and **101-01-020B** before reviewing the parcels for their potential open space value.

The Commission requested further information on parcel **101-28-008A** before reviewing it for its potential open space value.

The Commission looked at parcels **101-28-007C**, **101-37-001E**, **101-37-002H**, **107-01-001B**, and **109-02-001N** that are located on McMillian Mesa. Commissioner Miller motioned to table this discussion and review the five properties at the next Commission meeting since the five properties are included in Proposition 413—Greater Buffalo Park. Commission Vice-Chair Eberly seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The Commission reviewed parcel **104-06-008F** for its potential open space value. Commission Vice-Chair Eberly motioned to dismiss this parcel from the review given its lack of open space value. Commissioner Jim Burton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Commission reviewed parcel **108-09-042** for its potential open space value. Commission Vice-Chair Eberly motioned for Flagstaff City Parks to consider this parcel for future recreation plans at Bushmaster Park and remove it from the roster of open space parcels. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Commission discussed how parcel **113-80-124** provides a buffer, protects economic values, has potential for a community garden, provides recreation, connectivity, and open space value. Commissioner Miller motioned to recommend the parcel as having open space value. Commission Vice-Chair Eberly seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Commission discussed how parcel **113-80-126** provides a buffer, protects scenic values, protects economic values, has potential for a community garden, provides recreation, connectivity, and open space value. Commissioner Miller motioned to recommend the parcel as having open space value. Commissioner Jim Burton seconded. All voted in favor.

The Commission discussed how parcel **113-37-003** provides a buffer, protects cultural resources, protects scenic values, protects economic values, has potential for a community garden, provides recreation, connectivity, and open space value. Commissioner Jim Burton motioned to recommend the parcel as having open space value. Commissioner Dorsett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The Commission discussed the potential of open space value in parcel **113-37-007**. Commissioner Miller motioned to recommend this parcel as having open space value. Commissioner Jim Burton seconded. All voted in favor.

The Commission discussed how parcel **113-06-002** provides a buffer, protects cultural resources, protects cultural resources, protects scenic values, protects economic values, has potential for a community garden, provides recreation, connectivity, and open space value. Commissioner Jim Burton motioned to include the flood plain and the land north of the flood plain for designation as open space. Commissioner Dorsett seconded. All voted to move the motion

Commissioner Kalinowski motioned to table the remaining parcels for the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Jim Burton seconded to move the motion. All voted in favor.

- C. Joint Meeting with Coconino County Parks and Recreation Commission, Betsy Emery
Coconino County Parks and Recreation Commission expressed interest in a hosting a joint meeting with the Open Space Commission. With a joint meeting, the two

Commissions would share ideas and visions for the Coconino County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The tentative meeting date is February 2nd from 4-6pm at Fort Tuthill.

- D. Open Space Management Update, Betsy Emery
Betsy Emery, Open Space Specialist, informed the Commission that the new AmeriCorps VISTA position was filled. The new team member will begin work in November.

6. Information Items To and From Commissioners and Staff

Ms. Emery announced that Flagstaff City Staff and stakeholders will have the opportunity for a guided tour of Picture Canyon on 11/5 and 11/7. The Commission also discussed the new Open Space land at Fort Tuthill that was purchased by Coconino County.

7. Upcoming Agenda Items

- A. Continued Venus Parcel Discussion, Martin Ince
- B. Picture Canyon Management Plan Updates, Betsy Emery
- C. Review Observatory Mesa Management Plan, Betsy Emery
- D. Open Space Program Budgetary Support, Nicole Woodman

8. Adjournment

Commission Chair Bryan Burton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:39pm. Commission Vice-Chair Eberly seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Disability Awareness Commission with the City Clerk.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Elizabeth Emery, Open Space Specialist